

## CLAIMS

- 1           1.       A control knob assembly for use on a vane of an air vent that  
2       directs airflow into a vehicle's passenger compartment wherein said vane  
3       includes a front being closest to the passenger compartment and a rear edge  
4       being furthest away from the passenger compartment, said rear edge having a  
5       notched portion formed therein, said control knob assembly comprising:  
6               a knob portion having an inner surface, said knob portion allows a user  
7       to manipulate the vane to a desired position;  
8               a side having an open portion dimensioned to receive the vane in snap  
9       fit engagement into said inner surface of the knob portion; and  
10              a compressively resilient pad dimensioned to be received into said  
11       notched portion formed at the rear edge of the vane and to extend outwardly  
12       beyond the rear edge to contact a first portion of said inner surface, said  
13       compressively resilient pad being operative to consistently urge the front edge  
14       of the vane into contact with a second portion of the inner surface of the knob  
15       portion.
- 1           2.       The control knob of claim 1 wherein the compressively resilient  
2       pad is formed of silicone.
- 1           3.       The control knob of claim 1 wherein the compressively resilient  
2       pad is formed of rubber.

1            4.     The control knob assembly of claim 1 being formed of a  
2     metallic material.

1            5.     The control knob assembly of claim 1 being formed of a plastic  
2     material.

1            6.     The control knob assembly of claim 1 being formed of a  
2     graphite material.